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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMENT ON 1971 AZORES AGREEMENT

1. SUMMARY: LIBERAL WEEKLY EXPRESSO HAS GIVEN THE FIRST PRESS ATTENTION IN MANY MONTHS TO STATUS OF THE CASE AMENDMENT AND AZORES AGREEMENT. AFTER GIVING SUMMARY OF 1971 AGREEMENT, EXPRESSO HIGHLIGHTED THE CASE AMENDMENT'S POSITION WITHIN THE WIDER CONTROVERSY OVER CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN ABOUT EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS AND PREDICTED BOTH HOUSE PASSAGE OF THE AMENDMENT AND EVENTUAL SENATE APPROVAL OF 1971 AZORES AGREEMENT.

2. EXPRESSO PRESENTED STATUS OF SENATE-PASSED CASE AMENDMENT AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO 1971 AZORES AGREEMENT. EXPRESSO GAVE BALANCED SUMMARY OF FIVE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF 1971 AGREEMENT

AND NOTED THAT EXIM CREDITS (TO WHICH PAPER DID NOT ATTACH \$400 MILLION FIGURE)

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ARE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE U.S. TO VIRTUALLY ANY

COUNTRY. EXPRESSO NOTED THAT MOST OF THE PROVISIONS OF 1971 AGREEMENT--HYDROGRAPHIC VESSEL, EDUCATION GRANT AND PL 480 PROGRAM, HAVE EITHER ALREADY BEEN ACTED UPON OR ARE PRESENTLY BEING IMPLEMENTED.

3. IN LIGHT OF WATERGATE AND RECENT ACTION REGARDING THE CAMBODIAN BOMBING, EXPRESSO FORESAW HOUSE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT. ARTICLE SAID APPROVAL WOULD LEAVE PRESIDENT WITH THREE ALTERNATIVES: COMPLIANCE, SUSPENSION OF THE AGREEMENT, OR IGNORING THE LAW. (VETO NOT CONSIDERED.) ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT IF TREATY SUBMITTED TO SENATE, REJECTION OF THE AZORES AGREEMENT IS UNLIKELY, GIVEN THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE AZORES. THE CONTROVERSY IS SEEN AS MORE OF A MATTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLE AND RIVALRY BETWEEN BRANCHES OF USG THAN A PRIMARY CONCERN OF US-PORTUGUESE RELATIONS. HOWEVER, ARTICLE POINTS TO POSSIBILITY THAT IF TREATY WERE SUBMITTED AND REJECTED, US FORCES WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE.

4. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST PRESS NOTICE IN MANY MONTHS ON THE 1971 AGREEMENT, AND THE FIRST TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ON CASE AMENDMENT.
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